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June 5, 2017

Mr. Shannon Jones, Interim Public Utilities Director  
City of Santa Fe  
Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant  
73 Paseo Real  
Santa Fe, NM 87507

**Re: City of Santa Fe WWTP; Major; Individual Permit; SIC 4952; Compliance Evaluation  
Inspection; NPDES Permit NM0022292; May 17, 2017**

Dear Mayor Roybal:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report and check list for the referenced inspection that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted at your facility on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This inspection report will be sent to the USEPA in Dallas for their review. These inspections are used by USEPA to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program in accordance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

You are encouraged to review the inspection report, required to correct any problems noted during the inspection, and advised to modify your operational and/or administrative procedures, as appropriate. If you have comments on or concerns with the basis for the findings in the NMED inspection report, please contact us (see the address below) in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter. Further you are encouraged to notify in writing both the USEPA and NMED regarding modifications and compliance schedules at the addresses below:

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If you have any questions about this inspection report, please contact Sandra Gabaldon at (505) 827-1041 or at [sandra.gabaldon@state.nm.us](mailto:sandra.gabaldon@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

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## NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

### Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code	NPDES	yr/mo/day	Inspection Type	Inspector	Fac Type
1 N 2 5 3 N M 0 0 2 2 2 9 2 11 12 1 7 0 5 1 7 17 18 C 19 S 20 1					
S A N T A F E	W W T P	M A J O R			
Inspection Work Days	Facility Evaluation Rating	BI	QA	Reserved	
67 1 69	70 4	71 N 72 N 73 74 75 80			

### Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) Santa Fe WWTP 73 Paseo Real Santa Fe, NM 87507 <b>SANTA FE COUNTY</b>	Entry Time /Date 0850 Hours / May 17, 2017 Exit Time/Date 1400 Hours / May 17, 2017	Permit Effective Date September 1, 2016 Permit Expiration Date August 31, 2021
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) Patricia Rosaker, Laboratory Manager / 505-955-4623 Luis Orozco, Plant Superintendent / 505-955-4615	Other Facility Data SIC 4952 – Treatment Works (sector T) Latitude: 35°37'30" North Longitude: -106°05'19" West	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Mr. Shannon Jones, Interim Public Utilities Director / 505-955-4622 / 505-955-4577 City of Santa Fe 73 Paseo Real Santa Fe, NM 87507 swjones@ci.santa-fe.nm.us	Contacted Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

### Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

S Permit	S Flow Measurement	M Operations & Maintenance	N CSO/SSO
S Records/Reports	S Self-Monitoring Program	S Sludge Handling/Disposal	N Pollution Prevention
S Facility Site Review	N Compliance Schedules	N Pretreatment	N Multimedia
S Effluent/Receiving Waters	S Laboratory	N Storm Water	N Other:

### Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Please see checklist and further explanations for details of findings

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Sandra Gabaldon	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax NMED/SWQB/(505) 827-1041/(505) 827-0160	Date
Signature of Management QA Reviewer Jennifer Foote, Municipal Team Lead	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers NMED/SWQB/(505) 827-0596/(505) 827-0160	Date

CITY OF SANTA FE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY		PERMIT NO. NM0022292
SECTION A – PERMIT VERIFICATION		
PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> )
DETAILS:		
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION B – RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION		
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> )
DETAILS:		
1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRs.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
a) DATES, TIME(S) AND LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
b) NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
c) ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
d) RESULTS OF ANALYSES AND CALIBRATIONS.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
e) DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
f) NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION C – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED.		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>YES</u> )
DETAILS:		
1. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY OPERATED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY MAINTAINED.		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. STANDBY POWER OR OTHER EQUIVALENT PROVIDED .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONTROL ESTABLISHED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA

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SECTION C – OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (CONT'D)		
9. HAVE BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS OCCURRED AT THE PLANT OR IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE LAST YEAR?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
IF SO, HAS THE REGULATORY AGENCY BEEN NOTIFIED?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
HAS CORRECTIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
10. HAVE ANY HYDRAULIC OVERLOADS OCCURRED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT?		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
IF SO, DID PERMIT VIOLATIONS OCCUR AS A RESULT?		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION D – SELF-MONITORING		
PERMITTEE SELF-MONITORING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. DETAILS:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> ).
1. SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
a) SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
b) PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
c) CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136.3.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
7. IF MONITORING AND ANALYSES ARE PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED BY PERMIT, ARE THE RESULTS REPORTED IN PERMITTEE'S SELF-MONITORING REPORT?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION E – FLOW MEASUREMENT		
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. DETAILS:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> .)
1. PRIMARY FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED. TYPE OF DEVICE <u>3' Parshall Flume</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
5. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
6. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
7. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA
SECTION F – LABORATORY		
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. DETAILS:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> .)
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(b) FOR SLUDGES)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA

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SECTION F - LABORATORY (CONT'D)							
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED						<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	
3. SATISFACTORY CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
4. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED. <u>10</u> % OF THE TIME.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED. <u>10</u> % OF THE TIME.						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED.						<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
LAB NAME <u>Bio-Aquatics</u>							
LAB ADDRESS <u>2501 Mayes Rd # 100, Carrollton, TX 75006</u>							
PARAMETERS PERFORMED <u>WET testing</u>							
SECTION G - EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATERS OBSERVATIONS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>YES</u> ).							
OUTFALL NO.	OIL SHEEN	GREASE	TURBIDITY	VISIBLE FOAM	FLOAT SOL.	COLOR	OTHER
001	No	No	No	Slight	No	Cklear	
RECEIVING WATER OBSERVATIONS <u>Water appeared clear, with no floatable solids</u>							

SECTION H - SLUDGE DISPOSAL	
SLUDGE DISPOSAL MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>NO</u> ).	
DETAILS:	
1. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN EFFLUENT QUALITY. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
2. SLUDGE RECORDS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY 40 CFR 503. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
3. FOR LAND APPLIED SLUDGE, TYPE OF LAND APPLIED TO: <u>Surface disposal</u> (e.g., FOREST, AGRICULTURAL, PUBLIC CONTACT SITE)	

SECTION I - SAMPLING INSPECTION PROCEDURES (FURTHER EXPLANATION ATTACHED <u>  </u> ).	
1. SAMPLES OBTAINED THIS INSPECTION. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	
2. TYPE OF SAMPLE OBTAINED	
GRAB _____ COMPOSITE SAMPLE _____ METHOD _____ FREQUENCY _____	
3. SAMPLES PRESERVED. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
4. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
5. SAMPLE OBTAINED FROM FACILITY'S SAMPLING DEVICE. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
6. SAMPLE REPRESENTATIVE OF VOLUME AND NATURE OF DISCHARGE. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
7. SAMPLE SPLIT WITH PERMITTEE. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
8. CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY PROCEDURES EMPLOYED. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
9. SAMPLES COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERMIT. <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	

**City of Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
**Compliance Evaluation Inspection**  
**NPDES Permit Number NM0022292**  
**Compliance Inspection Date: May 17, 2017**

Introduction:

On May 17, 2017, Sandra Gabaldón and Daniel Valenta of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) at the City of Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The City of Santa Fe WWTP has a design flow capacity of 13 MGD (million gallons per day) and is classified as a major municipal discharger under the federal Clean Water Act, Section 402, of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. It is assigned NPDES permit number NM0022292. This permit regulates the WWTP point source discharge to the Santa Fe River in Segment Code 20.6.4.113, NMAC *NEW MEXICO STANDARDS FOR INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE SURFACE WATERS*.

The NMED performs a certain number of CEIs for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region VI, under the NPDES permit program, in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act. USEPA uses these inspections to determine compliance with the NPDES permit program. This inspection report is based on information provided by the permittee's representatives, observations made by the NMED inspectors, and records and reports kept by the permittee and/or NMED.

Upon arrival at approximately 0900 hours, the inspectors met Mr. Luis Orozco, Plant Superintendent (Wastewater Certified Operator, Level 4). During the entrance interview, the inspector presented her credentials, made introductions and explained the purpose of the inspection. A tour of the facility commenced thereafter. An exit interview to discuss the preliminary findings of the inspection was conducted at approximately 1400 hours on May 17, 2017, at the facility with Mr. Orozco and Mr. Shannon Jones, Interim Public Utilities Director.

Treatment Scheme:

The City of Santa Fe WWTP serves a population of approximately 75,000 residents, but during the summer months, the City of Santa Fe becomes a tourist destination and this increases the flow to the treatment plant.

The treatment plant is a conventional treatment process with a design capacity of 13 million gallons per day (MGD). The average flow currently is 6 MGD.

The headworks are comprised of various components used to remove larger debris from raw influent entering the plant. The barscreen is a fine screen type that can be flow actuated or ran by timer. Rocks fall into a rock collector ahead of the barscreen. The purpose of the barscreen is removal of cans, plastic products, paper, rags and other things too large to pass through the screen. These items are fed into the rag press, where most of the moisture is forced out of them by compression, and

discharged to the dumpsters placed under the chutes. The influent that passes through the barscreen is allowed to continue in the wastewater flow to two wet wells.

The grit removal system consists of various components including a grit tank, where flows are aerated just enough to allow inorganic waste (sand, glass, egg shells, etc.) to settle while allowing organics to float and pass through to a wet well. This is done by reducing the velocity of the wastewater enough so that the heavier particles settle to the bottom of the tank. The contents of this tank are pumped back to the grit separator by the grit pumps and washed to remove the organic matter that was attached to the grit. The grit with the help of an auger is dropped into a conveyor belt. The conveyor carries and drops the grit into a portable dumpster and is then disposed of at the landfill.

From the grit chamber, flow enters two 580,600 gallons primary clarifiers from a splitter box. The east clarifier was nonfunctional on the day of the inspection because a torque box was broken. The velocity is reduced in the primary clarifiers to allow the heavier organics to settle to the bottom of the tank and be removed by a scraper. The lighter material continues to float to the top and is removed by a skimmer arm. The solids removed from the bottom are removed from the clarifier and pumped to the digester.

After primary clarification, flow enters the aeration basins where nitrification and denitrification take place.

The secondary clarifiers allow the solids to settle further to the bottom of the tank. The clear effluent flows over the weirs and out of the tanks while the settleable solids are pumped from the clarifier to a wet well.

Flow then enters the final process of filtration at the disc filters and sand filters.

After the filtration process is complete, disinfection is achieved through ultraviolet light. The UV system can operate manually or automatically by monitoring the flows.

Post aeration is used to achieve the dissolved oxygen required by the permit. Two aerators aerate the effluent in the post aeration basin prior to being discharged to the Santa Fe River.

#### SOLIDS:

The DAF (dissolved air flotation) is used to thicken the sludge. The DAF operates by pressurizing water, above atmospheric pressure in a pressure tank. The pressurized water is introduced to a header along with pumped sludge and a polymer. The sludge, pressurized water, and polymer enters the actual DAF tanks. The thickened solids are then handled in either one of two ways: Anaerobic sludge digestion or lime stabilization.

Digesters are composed of a fixed cover primary digester with a capacity of 462,000 gallons and a floating cover secondary digester with a capacity of 453,000 gallons. The digesters are heated by two hot water boilers, with heat being transferred using spiral heat exchangers. The digester boilers



have the ability to be fueled by either natural or digester gas. The digester contents are also mixed using digester gas which is compressed and introduced into the mixing guns. Excess digester gas is burned off using a waste gas burner.

The second method used for sludge treatment is lime stabilization. Lime stabilization is done in a holding tank. Lime raises the sludge pH. The pH is raised to 12.0 s.u. and must remain at this pH for two hours.

After the sludge has been treated, storage of sludge is available prior to disposal. This allows the WWTP extra capacity prior to sludge surface injection in the adjacent field. The City of Santa Fe also employs composting as a means to reducing their sludge injection. The sludge cake is approximately 12% mixed with wood chips/hay and is formed into a windrow. The temperature of the windrow is maintained at 131 degrees or higher for fifteen days. The windrow is turned a minimum of five times while maintaining the temperature. It is then stockpiled for approximately 30-60 days prior to being sold to the public.

#### RE-USE:

The facility also sells effluent to the following:

1. The Santa Fe Country Club
2. City of Santa Fe Municipal Recreation Complex
3. The Marty Sanchez Golf Club

### Further Explanations:

Note: The sections are arranged according to the format of the enclosed EPA inspection checklist (Form 3560-3), rather than being ranked in order of importance.

### **Section C – Operation and Maintenance – Overall Rating “Marginal”**

The permit requires in Part III, Section B. Proper Operation and Maintenance:

- a. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by permittee as efficiently as possible and in a manner which will minimize upsets and discharges of excessive pollutants and will achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.*

### **Findings** for Operation and Maintenance:

The east clarifier is nonfunctional. The torque box needs to be replaced prior to it being placed back into service.

The north grit chamber is offline to remove solids from the bottom. The south grit chamber is functional.

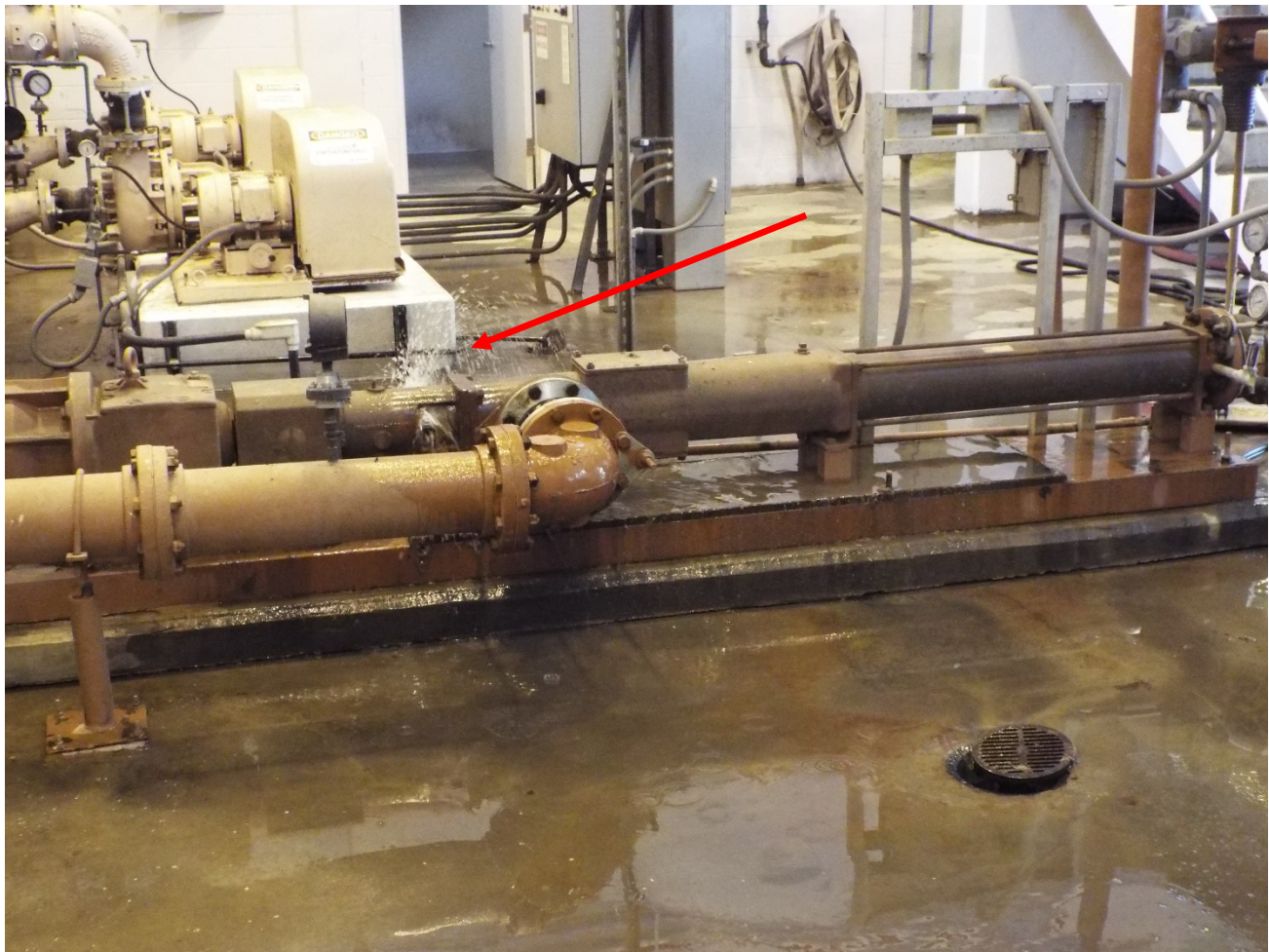
At the headworks, a pipe is leaking. (Photo #1)

All these issues are related to scheduled and/or preventative maintenance. The issues were discussed during the exit interview. Mr. Orozco stated he will discuss the maintenance issues at their monthly meeting with the maintenance supervisor to determine why these issues are not being addressed in a timely manner.

The facility has also had a few reported exceedances of their E. coli limits. They have been troubleshooting the Ultraviolet System (UV system) to determine what the cause may be. Mr. Orozco stated that when the effluent is sampled at the post aeration basin, it is zero. But, when E. coli is sampled at the effluent point, the number increases. They are working with a contractor to determine what might be the cause of the increased E. coli after the post aeration basin.

**NMED/SWQB**  
**Official Photograph Log**  
**Photo # 1**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 0910 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: City of Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: Leaking pipe in need of repair.		





**NMED/SWQB**  
**Official Photograph Log**  
**Photo # 2**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 0922 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: East Primary Clarifier - offline		



**NMED/SWQB  
Official Photograph Log  
Photo # 3**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 0923 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: West Primary Clarifier		





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Photo # 4**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 0953 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: Aeration Basin		





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Official Photograph Log  
Photo # 5**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17. 2017	Time: 0953 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: Aeration Basin – Operator stated “normal” appearance this time of year.		



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Official Photograph Log  
Photo # 6**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 1008 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: Secondary Clarifier		





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**Official Photograph Log**  
**Photo # 7**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 1032 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: Post Aeration Basin (DO limit in permit)		





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**Official Photograph Log**  
**Photo # 8**

Photographer: Daniel Valenta	Date: May 17, 2017	Time: 1034 Hours
City/County: City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County		State: New Mexico
Location: Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Subject: Effluent discharge to Santa Fe River, NMAC Segment 20.6.4.113		

